

IN THE CLAIMS

THE CLAIMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. (currently amended) An integrated point-of-care system comprising:
 - a medical monitoring device configured to monitor patient information for a patient;
 - a medical care device configured to provide medical care to the patient;
 - a computing system configured to receive patient information from the medical monitoring device, transmit control instructions to the medical care device to control the medical care to the patient, and exchange data with a central data ~~repository~~ repository through a communication network; and
 - a structure configured to support the patient, the medical monitoring device, the medical care device, and the computing system and transport the patient, the medical monitoring device, the medical care device, and the computing system together.
2. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the patient information comprises vital signs of the patient.
3. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the structure comprises a mattress configured to support the patient.
4. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the medical care device is configured to administer a medication to the patient.
5. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 further comprising a power supply configured to supply power to the medical care device and the medical monitoring device.
6. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 5 wherein the power supply comprises a battery.

7. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the computing system further comprises a display device configured to display the control instructions or patient information.
8. (currently amended) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 7, wherein the display device comprises a flat-screen touch panel configured to allow user input for controlling the operation of the medical care device[[s]] or the medical monitoring device[[s]].
9. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the computing system further comprises a keyboard.
10. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the communication network is wireless.
11. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the computing system further comprises a memory storage system configured to store the patient information or control instructions.
12. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the computing system further comprises an identification device configured to identify a person.
13. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 12, wherein the identification device comprises a fingerprint recognition device.
14. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 12, wherein the identification device comprises a voice recognition device.
15. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 12, wherein the identification device comprises a visual recognition device.

16. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 further comprising a camera configured to generate a visual image.
17. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the computing system further comprises a barcode reader.
18. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the computing system further comprises a communication interface configured to communicate with the Internet.
19. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 wherein the computing system further comprises a communication interface configured to communicate with a television service provider.
20. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of wheels mounted on the bottom of the structure to facilitate transport of the patient and the medical devices.
21. (original) The integrated point-of-care system of claim 1 further comprising a radiant warming device mounted on the structure to warm the patient.

22. (original) A method of operating an integrated point-of-care system comprising the steps of:

supporting a patient, a computing system, a medical care device, and a medical monitoring device by using a structure;

providing control instructions to the medical care device through the computing system to provide medical care to the patient;

receiving patient information from the medical monitoring device into the computing system;

exchanging data between the computing system and a central data repository through a communication network; and

transporting the patient, the medical monitoring device, the medical care device, and the computing system together by using the structure.

23. (original) The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of displaying the patient information.

24. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of identifying a person authorized to operate the computing system by using an identification device.

25. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of identifying the patient by using an identification device.

26. (original) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of identifying a medication to be administered to the patient by using an identification device.